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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION:

INVITATIONS TO INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS TO ATTEND
ORGANIZING CONFERENCE

REF: STATE 212466

1. AFTER SEVERAL DISCUSSIONS WITH APPROPRIATE GOF
MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OFFICIALS AND CEA
OFFICIALS ON THE SUBJECT, WE HAVE BEEN ADVISED THAT
FRANCE HAS NO REAL PROBLEM WITH THE PROPOSAL THAT THE
US INVITE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS TO THE
OCTOBER INFCE CONFERENCE (INCLUDING IAEA, NEA, IEA).

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2. THE PRINCIPAL REACTION OF THE FRENCH OFFICIALS
CONSULTED FOCUSED ON THE ROLE OF THE IAEA AND THEIR
BELIEF THAT THE IAEA SHOULD RECEIVE SOME FORM OF
PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT COMPARED TO OTHER INTERGOVERN-
MENTAL ORGANIZATIONS ATTENDING THE INFCE CONFERENCE;
IF THERE ARE TO BE TWO CATEGORIES - PARTICIPANTS
AND OBSERVERS - PERHAPS THERE CAN BE SOME MEANS TO

UNDERLINE THE PREEMINENCE OF THE IAEA BY PROPOSING THAT IT BE THE COORDINATOR OR SPOKESMAN FOR THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS SHOULD THERE BE SOME FORM OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE ACTION DURING THE CONFERENCE. IN OUR DISCUSSIONS IT WAS AGREED THAT IT WOULD BE INAPPROPRIATE TO LIST THE IAEA AS A FULL PARTICIPANT WITH GOVERNMENTS.

3. THE PARTICIPATION IN INFCE BY THE IEA DOES NOT PER SE GIVE FRANCE PROBLEMS. HOWEVER, SHOULD THE IEA BECOME INVOLVED IN ONE OF THE WORKING GROUPS AND BECOME THE HOST OF A MEETING AND THAT MEETING TAKE ON MORE OF AN IEA TONE THAN OF AN INFCE MEETING, THE FRENCH IN SUCH A SITUATION WOULD FIND IT DIFFICULT TO PARTICIPATE.

4. ON THE ISSUE OF THE PARTICIPATION BY THE EEC, PHILIPPE LOUET, IN CHARGE OF NUCLEAR AFFAIRS AT THE QUAI D'ORSAY, ADVISED THAT THIS ISSUE IS STILL TO BE DISCUSSED IN BRUSSELS. THE FRENCH ARE OF THE VIEW THAT IT WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL FOR THE COMMUNITY TO BE REPRESENTED AS THE POSITION TAKEN BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE COMMUNITY WOULD REQUIRE CONSULTATION AMONG THE NINE AND COULD PROVE TO BE NON-PRODUCTIVE. LOUET FELT THAT FRANCE WOULD HAVE NO PROBLEMS WITH A STAFF MEMBER OF THE COMMISSION ATTENDING AS EXPERT AND CONTRIBUTING THROUGH THAT CHANNEL SUCH INFORMATION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OR KNOWLEDGE THAT THE COMMISSION STAFF MIGHT HAVE TO CONTRIBUTE TO ANY OF THE INFCE STUDIES OR PROGRAMS.
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